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a ram drive positioned on the machine frame and presetting a path-time trace of the ram drive and comprising at least one electric motor and at least one eccentric shaft connected to one another via a drive, (the ram drive having an offset drive specific to various presses of the press production series for attaining different stroke speeds;) and

a table positioned opposite to the ram on the machine body and arranged for attachment of a second tool component.

REMARKS

The allowance of Claim 5 is noted with appreciation, as is the indication of the allowability of Claims 1-4.

In light of the above amendment, allowance of Claims 1-4 is deemed appropriate. Applicants would note, however, that the presses of a press production series is not a "critical" element. Rather, it is the provision, *inter alia*, of a ram drive that is configured with an offset drive specific to various presses to obtain different stroke speeds that is a patentable feature.

Accordingly, early allowance of this case is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A press of a press production series used for massive forming, comprising

a machine frame;

a ram guided in a journalled manner and arranged for attachment of a first tool component;

a ram drive positioned on the machine frame and presetting a path-time trace of the ram drive and comprising at least one electric motor and at least one eccentric shaft connected to one another via a drive, the ram drive having an offset drive specific to various presses of the press production series for attaining different stroke speeds; and

a table positioned opposite to the ram on the machine body and arranged for attachment of a second tool component [, wherein the drive has an offset drive specific to various presses of the press production series for realization of different stroke speeds].